

Where the Kootenay Central Railway is Now Building To!

THE OUTCROP.

Devoted to the Mining and Development of the Windermere and Golden Divisions of the District of North East Kootenay.

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K. C. R. Rumors

Surveyor Black in Full Charge of Construction

The Outcrop has obtained authentic information that Mr. Black, who was here with the survey party last winter, having received orders from Winnipeg, arrived at Golden Saturday night to take charge of the construction of the Kootenay Central and immediately drove to the camps a few miles this side of Golden, where about 60 graders are now at work. It is stated Mr. Black has taken charge of the men and will also complete the cross-sectioning of the survey. It is also stated, and generally believed in Golden, that the work will be pushed and completed as quickly as possible to Windermere. A report is also current that as soon as the survey will permit grading and tracklaying will be commenced right in Golden in order to get steamshovels to work on the cut-banks.

Public Meeting for Saturday

The Outcrop has been requested to announce that a public meeting will be held in the Wilmer Public School house on Saturday evening next, Dec. 16th, to discuss the advisability of assisting in some way the Kootenay Central Railway Co. in getting the necessary aid from the Legislature to assure the early active construction of the road and completion, at which a resolution will be submitted. All are requested to attend, and no one should overlook this opportunity to boost their own and the district's best interests.

ANOTHER WRITE-UP

"In Windermere Valley" by a Nelson News Man

A special correspondent of the Nelson Daily News writes from Fort Steele as follows of the farming, fruit growing and mineral resources of this valley: "Less is heard within the province of the Windermere lake country than of the justly celebrated Okanagan valley, and hence less is known of it outside. The elevation of the Okanagan valley is, of course, considerably less than that of Windermere, and thus the heat there becomes occasionally oppressive. On the other hand the temperature in the Windermere valley is more equable in summer, and yet is warm enough to ripen corn and tomatoes, though such as might not prove as successful as in the Okanagan. Other fruits, however, as far as tested, have been grown to perfection. R. Brewer has had a few apple trees in bearing for about thirteen years and the quality of the fruit is excellent.

Mr. Walker Torgat has also a small but thriving orchard, and his apples are as handsome and fine as could be desired. It cannot be said as yet, however, that fruit growing has been followed by the rancher as a money making industry. It is only within recent years that orchards have been planted on an extensive scale. Mr. Kimpton has shown most commendable energy and enterprise in this direction. Clearing out the sunny nooks in his extensive farm, he has cleared and cultivated the ground thoroughly before planting, leaving neither stump nor root to hinder the after fertilization of the soil.

The wisdom of this course is shown by the trifling appearance of his trees. In the last three years he has set out many hundreds of apples, plums and cherry trees, and has also planted a nursery of about 15,000 seedlings which will bear fruit and have ready for the market in a year or two more. While his orchard trees are growing Mr. Kimpton very properly cultivated the spaces between the rows. In some he has strawberries, in others various kinds of vegetables, and from these he has sold this year in the local market to the amount of \$1,200. As an instance of the fertility of the soil he grew a small patch of specially cared for potatoes which by calculation yielded at the rate of 28 tons to the acre! Could such a phenomenal yield be equalled in the fattest soils of the east? Another instance might be noted, not so extraordinary, but yet speaking volumes for the fertility of the soil, and that too without irrigation: from scarcely three fourths of an acre Mr. A. Torgat dug 9,000 pounds of excellent potatoes.

Speaking of irrigation Mr. Kimpton tells me that on ground that has been irrigated for several years less and less water is required and he thinks that in course of time good crops may be grown without it. The visitor is agreeably surprised to see the extent and beauty of the cultivated fields in this interesting valley. Behind the townsite of Windermere on the east the mountain ranges recede to the distance of several miles and in the triangular area thus formed are many thousand acres of as yet land as can be found anywhere in the province much of it almost level and all capable of irrigation. One of the finest farms in the valley close to Windermere has recently been bought by Mr. Hammond, of Toronto, of the firm of Oler & Hammond, and is being very rapidly improved by new fencing and extensive cultivation. The price is said to have been \$7,000. Some of the best looking farms in the valley are held by Indians and their farming

is quite a credit to them. All the same our native brother is still more of a hunter than farmer, and if he were permitted to sell the lands he occupies he would probably very gladly give them to the hills again. And very certainly if these Indian lands could be bought they would quickly be taken up by white settlers. The reversion of the Shuswap, north of Windermere seems specially well adapted for grain and hay, that of the Kootenays south, is perhaps better for the cultivation of fruit. But the Indians themselves have begun to set out trees and if they will only learn to cultivate and prune them they may in a few years find in this industry a valuable means of maintenance.

Situated as is this great valley (nearly 200 miles in length), the most westerly in the province fitted for fruit raising, does it not seem reasonable that, with the Kootenay Central in operation, its future thousands of fruit growers should be able to supply the prairie market more profitably than districts farther to the west? There will be market enough for all, however, for the expansion of settlement on the plains seems well nigh limitless; and hence British Columbia may like California, find her greatest and most enduring source of wealth in the wonderful productiveness of her soil. Our "sea of mountains" may give rise to greater, though fewer, fortunes, but the happier people will be those who quietly follow the more peaceful and natural avocations in our numberless smiling valleys.

Wilmer, the most northerly point visited, is headquarters for the mining companies operating in the mountains behind it to the west. We might almost have used the past tense in speaking of this industry, for unfortunately nearly all the companies have shut down or all but shut down awaiting railway transportation. Thus all are eagerly looking forward eagerly hoping that the leisurely builders of the Kootenay Central will "get a move on," for it can be said that they are weary waiting. Wilmer is a really situated town with many rather fine buildings—a little dull at present, but having, we trust, a good future before it. Half way between Wilmer and Windermere, on the river flat, is Atholmer. Here is a bridge crossing the Columbia over the celebrated "salmon beds," gravely shallow, noted as the spawning grounds of the salmon after their thousand mile swim from the sea. Atholmer contains the newly erected warehouse and store of the Columbia River Lumber Company, now operating somewhat extensively in this section of the country, and whose camps afford a good market for the hay, oats and vegetables raised by the ranchers of the valley.

Wilmer is the home of The Outcrop, a paper which gives the mining and other news of the district in a readable style. It is published under difficulties which none but the newspaper man can fully understand. More power to its editor's pen and more cash in its pocket is the wish of one formerly of the "Fourth Estate," and so full of sympathy for all toilers in the precarious and too often thankless field of country journalism.

One word in closing—and that to the minister of agriculture, Dominion or Provincial, or both. An experimental fruit farm should be established in this valley, for as far as the writer's experience goes it is the best example of the advantage to be met with in thousands of similar valleys in the interior. The farm at Agassiz, useful as it is, is not so earthly benefit to the residents of a soil and under a climate totally dissimilar; and private orchardists cannot afford either time or means to experiment in tree culture for general good.

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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Now is the time to boost this valley as a tourist's resort.

The meeting of the Board of License Commissioners takes place at Windermere tomorrow afternoon.

Miss McNeil came up from Eirland Sunday and took charge of the Wilmer telegraph office on Monday.

The children of the Wilmer Presbyterian Sunday school are practicing for a Christmas tree entertainment.

Society events during the past week have been as numerous that our reporter has hardly been able to "tab" them all.

Mrs. Starbird came down from Bloddy last week and spent several days visiting Mrs. Pitts at Windermere.

Chas. Farmer started for the Paradise mine on Sunday to haul timber to the long tunnel, where development work is being carried on.

Thos. Brown, Henry Schweigert and Sam Derr are continuing development work on the Lead Queen group on N-3 creek, it is believed with good results.

C. D. Fitzgerald left Atholmer last week for Golden with his wife, who has been sitting for sometime and has gone on to Spokane, where she will enter the hospital for special treatment.

"Crabrook has more pretty babies than any town in the Kootenay," says the Herald. Possibly it has "more". Yet, Wilmer has the prettiest babies in the Kootenay. But say, "Old Man", you "deserve" name the prettiest baby in Crabrook.

A private letter received at this office from Vancouver states that there are many enquiries there for information concerning this valley and the writer gives it as his opinion that next spring will be a record one for settlers and tourists coming here.

The Nelson Daily News informs: "The Outcrop that it will issue a special edition on Dec. 30 devoted to a review of the mining and kindred industries of the Province during the past year, which will contain a good write-up of the Windermere district. The review will cost 10 cents a copy and doubtless will do a lot of good."

It is stated on good authority that Mr. Black and Miss Norris, who left Windermere three weeks ago with Mrs. R. A. Kimpton for the east, were quietly married at Calgary. Mrs. Black after the marriage continued her journey to her home in Toronto, and Mr. Black to Winnipeg to receive orders for his survey party. The Outcrop joins the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a happy and useful life.

A report comes from Golden that the Columbia River Lumber Co.'s horse-drawn disease known as the "glan dera" and that the authorities have shot nine of their horses out of thirteen examined. This is quite a serious loss to the company as their horses are fine animals worth from \$200 to \$250 each. It is believed the disease was brought into the country with hay from the Okanagan country, where it is said to be quite prevalent. Stockmen throughout the valley will do well to keep a sharp look out for signs of this disease.

Windermere Boosts For K.C.R.

The people of Windermere have been seriously considering their own interests and the interests of the country generally for sometime and how to improve existing conditions, and having arrived at the conclusion that the one thing most necessary to revive all the industries is early active railway construction, they called a public meeting and passed the following resolution, which will be sent to Victoria signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting:

"Whereas the valleys of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers have by years of successful experiment been proved admirably adapted to general agriculture and the cultivation of fruit and vegetables, besides the pasturing of cattle.

"And, whereas the mountain ranges skirting these valleys have by much development work and the smelting of trial shipments of ore been proved to contain valuable and varied mineral deposits.

"And whereas the continuation and operation of the Kootenay Central Railway would stimulate into renewed activity these various industries now greatly depressed, and would lead to the occupation and cultivation of areas of agricultural lands still in their primitive condition; and to the fullest development of the mineral, lumbering and other resources of the valleys thus adding largely to the population and resources of the Province.

"Therefore, be it resolved by this representative meeting of the resident ratepayers at Windermere that the Provincial Government be and is hereby urgently requested to give such public aid and recognition to the said railway as will ensure its immediate construction, to be given in such form and on such terms as the Government in its wisdom and negotiations with the Company may deem best and safest in the public interest."

TWO PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. POWER

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Power left Wilmer on Tuesday en route to Kansas to visit relatives, where they may permanently locate. They have resided in this district for more than seven years and have become well known throughout the entire valley. Mr. Power has interested himself in some very valuable mining property on Tolly creek and has had charge of the Dominion Telegraph office since its inception in Wilmer. Mrs. Power learned the art of type setting at the Outcrop Palace and materially assisted in getting out the initial number of this paper and for many months was the only compositor engaged on the staff. Therefore The Outcrop takes pleasure in noting the many efforts put forth in acknowledging the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Power are held by the people of this district.

During the past week or two they have been entertained at the house of many friends and twice, it may be said, publicly. Last Thursday evening a dance was given in their honor in the Atholmer hall, the attendance well representing the people of the district, and which would have been considerably augmented had it not been for a misunderstanding in the date. However, the dance proved a success in every way. Everyone appeared bent on having a good time and the floor manager's quadrille, "Hole-and-Sock Twist Your Lily", was just that needed to make it so. After the bounteous luncheon supplied by the ladies had been served at midnight, Officer Cameron in a very neat address presented Mr. Power with a handsome pin on behalf of his numerous friends as a slight token of their friendship and esteem. Mr. Power found it difficult to express his appreciation of the gift and the kindly motive with which he believed his friends had given it. He said that if he smoked the pipe a thousand times that many more times would his

thoughts come back to the valley, and the valued friends he was leaving. He said that it was through no desire of his own that he was going away and he very much regretted that he was obliged to go, and sincerely hoped to return again some day to remain permanently. It was with great enthusiasm all joined in singing, "For He's a Jolly, Good Fellow," and gave three hearty cheers and a monster "tiger" for Mr. and Mrs. Power. Then dancing was resumed until after 2 a.m.

Saturday afternoon nearly every lady in town met and in procession proceeded to Mrs. Power's home to give her a genuine surprise. With scarcely a word of explanation they took possession of the house and on behalf of the ladies Mrs. Starke presented Mrs. Power with a pair of costly kid gloves, an elegant out-glass bottle of perfume, and a pretty basket of chocolates and a couple of bottles of wine to cheer her on her journey. For a moment the ladies had little to say for it was a minute of deep regret to contemplate leaving and yet pleasure to give and receive. At such times the expression of words seem meaningless and silence everything. However, just like the ladies, they had brought cake, etc., with them and when revived by a cup of tea, they were enabled to talk once more and spent the remainder of the afternoon together very happily.

Jas. Fraser, who handles the ribbons on the Crabrook stage, when asked for news along the route the other day said: "There is no news below. Wilmer is the liveliest place I see." Wilmer if Jim wasn't fishing out?

Miss Mona Brewster spent a few days visiting Mrs. Brewer at Fairmount last week and a few days with Mrs. Starke this week. Miss Mona is the liveliest little lady in this camp and a wonderful dancer. Her "twisting" will ever swing in the memory of our men.

Nothing hurts the feelings of the stuffed martyr worse than letting him alone.

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W. P. Ryans,

Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1905.

An exchange says a new process for smelting zinc is being worked. It promises to reduce zinc to the metal in conjunction with other ores. The furnace will be electrically heated without using the air blast. The metals will be melted down and the zinc vaporized. There being no blast in the furnace the zinc will come down as spelter with the rest of the metals. The experimental plant is in operation, but no details have been made public. Mixed ores will be treated. High savings are promised both in fuel and values, while water power will generate the current.

Mining, lumbering and agriculture make a great combination; one that few countries can boast of, and yet it is to be found right here in the Columbia Valley. The two last mentioned are now receiving fair consideration, but the first mentioned is almost dormant and awaits the long promised railway transportation to revive it. When the Kootenay Central is built this will be accomplished and then this industrial trio will flourish and their fame be made known throughout the civilized world. Such a combination is something to be proud of and too much ozone or printers' ink cannot be used in making it known.

The United States government evidently does not want any interference with its cheap silver bargain in the Philippines. The coinage value of silver was guaranteed up to 65 cents, and silver promises to exceed that price. This will make the silver in the peso more valuable as bullion than in the coin. But at this stage the government steps in and says, according to the Boston News Bureau: "A Manila special says the menacing rise in silver has caused the commission to prohibit exportation of Philippine coins or bullion on penalty of forfeiture and fine of \$10,000 or a year's imprisonment." The silver in this coinage cost the United States from 47 up to 53 cents.

There is an air of quiet activity, and we note the appearance in the Slocan of several old timers. Representatives of money men are around, and on the quiet many options are being given. Generally speaking this means something. Smelting people, who from necessity have to keep posted on output, have a fashion of giving tips to moneyed friends who put out advance agents to pick up the cream before the boom comes. This is exactly what is happening now, and we would advise those that are nibbling at investments in the mining line, to pick up things without haggling, else the boom will deprive them of the opportunity, or put prices to an increased figure, says the Sardon Mining Standard. The advice given might be applied with advantage to the Windermere district for the general revival in mining throughout the Kootenays is already instituting enquiries here and it is quite certain when active railway construction is started the prices asked for mining property here will advance.

The Cranbrook correspondent of the Nelson Daily News gets off the following rather amusing paragraph:

"There is some little excitement with regard to the Kootenay Valley railway construction; there is quite a force of men working, but neither the C. P. R. nor the executive of the K. V. railway company will acknowledge the work as initiated by them. Now a force of men do not spontaneously gather together and work for love on someone else's property, so why the secrecy? The country is not good at conundrums and our powers of imagination cannot rise to the stupendous heights of mis-statements meted out at various times. What we do know is that if that force does not receive its pay from some one trouble will arise."

There can be know doubt but that the writer refers to the Kootenay Central Railway and it is rather a pity he wastes so much eloquent sarcasm on that which he alone thinks a mystery. Last August the president of the K. C. R. made public that his company had put men to work on construction and a few weeks ago said 50 more had been put to work. All these months no complaint has been heard from these men, and it is generally understood the C. P. R. pays them.

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NOTICE

GOLDEN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

A Court of Revision and Appeal, under the "Assessment Act 1903," for the Golden Assessment District, will be held on Saturday, the 16th day of December, A.D. 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, Golden, at which time the following lands, together with the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

J. F. HANNA, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

TIMBER NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post marked "J. F. Hanna's North East Corner Post" and planted near Juniper Fork of Trout Creek, about 3 miles south of the North Fork, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement. Dated 12th October, 1906. J. F. HANNA.

NOTICE

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Commencing at a post planted about nine miles above the bridge on No. 2 creek, and about 25 miles north of the town of Hazelton, B.C., thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement. Dated 12th September, 1906. R. R. BRUCE, Lessor.

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Commencing at a post planted on the south side of Horse Flies Creek, about 3 miles below the North Fork, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement. Dated 7th Sept., 1906. R. S. GALLUP.

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Commencing at a post marked "Thos. Starbuck's N.E. corner post" and planted on the south side of Horse Flies Creek, about 3 miles below the North Fork, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement. Dated 26th August, 1906. THOS. STARRIB.

Send The Outcrop to your friends for an Xmas box. It will only cost you 2¢ and every week they will have a gentle reminder of your kindness, yes, and should you die they will read only of the best things in your history—The Outcrop will never "roast" a dead man.

Try The Outcrop for Job Printing. The Outcrop is on sale at A. R. Yates Drug Store, Wilmer.

The standard of any religion is always a little higher than the professor can live up to.

Some churches that claim to be working for men are only working men.

Never put off until tomorrow the cure you might as well give up today.

Don't forget Saturday night's meeting.

Saturday night say your little piece like a man or forever hold your peace.

The move to set an experimental farm established by the Government in this valley is a good one and should be pushed along by everybody.

Nearly all strong advocates of party lines in provincial politics assert that the McBride administration is an improvement on the past independent administrations. If so, are the oppositionists now kicking from force of habit?

Next session the Conservatives will be strong enough to do some business and will then party-line advocates should not howl too much.

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Mine	Tons.
Paradise	1,068.2
" In transit	60
Delphian	102.5
" In transit	80
*Patrian Mines	105
" In transit	2
Swansea	2
White Cat	1
Silver Bell	14
M. T. Fraction	34
Bunyan	16
Pretty Girl	6
Peacemaker	31 1/2
Estimated.	

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Main Nursery for Fruit Stock, South Vancouver, one mile west of city. Branches at Victoria and Matsqui for Seeds and Nursery Stock growing. Extra large plant for Fall delivery. One year apple, 4 to 6 feet, \$10 to \$12 per 100. Two year apple, 2, 3 and 4 year old, \$15 to \$20 per 100. Maynard Plum, \$1.00 each. Bulbs for Fall planting.

Extra nice stock of Cherry, Peach, Plum, Apricot, Etc., now growing for fall orders. No expense, loss or delay of fumigation or inspection.

Let me price your list before placing your order. Catalogue Free. Garden, Field and Flower Seeds. Greenhouse and Bedding-out Plants. Cut Flowers and Floral Designs. Fertilizers, Bee Supplies. Catalogue Free. White labor.

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Every man owes it to himself and his family to master a trade or profession. Read the display advertisement of the six More Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn how easily a young man or lady may learn telegraphy and be assured a position.

Croppings

John Glynne, manager for the South-east Kootenay Coal and Petroleum Co., has a crew of laborers at work making preparations for establishing boring machinery on the company's property in the Flathead Valley. He is now engaged in building roads and in constructing cabins. As soon as the roads are completed and a sufficient fall of snow for good, easy sledding, machinery now awaiting transportation, will be taken in. A standard 3,000-foot well rig and machinery for sawing all purposes will be in operation inside of 30 days, and work will be continued during the winter. The company expects to strike oil at from 600 to 1,500 feet from the surface. It is estimated that this will be accomplished in from three to four months after the well-boring machinery is installed. The region in which the company's property is located gives promise of being unusually active this winter, as two other companies, one from Vancouver, and one from the Dallas, Ore., expect to have rigs at work—Granbrook Prospector.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at a dinner given the young men of his bible class in New York, is reported as follows: "Great seems to be the watchword in every line of life. I suppose that of every two men who go into politics, one goes not for what he can do for his fellowmen, but what he can get out of politics. Yes, I should say that four out of every five, perhaps nine out of every ten go into politics for what they can get out of it. In this line of today so full of struggle and content in the effort to get ahead, to gain wealth, power, influence or position, the watchword seems to be gain it honestly if you can, but gain it at any cost. No quality should receive such careful consideration and cultivation among men as moral courage; for unless young men have this moral courage, this great republic is doomed to the ends of the civilizations which have come before it. Wonder if John's Sunday school boys have taught him a new trick in grafting recently?"

W.O. OF A.W. OVERHEARD

Last week the Wilmer Order of Ancient Women held their first meeting of the season at The Outcrop Palace, and, of course, all reporters were forced to vacate, but one manager to steal and hide under a press, but he could see nothing and the words he occasionally heard were mystifying. Indeed "Don't, don't!" seemed one of the pass words, which was always answered by great laughter. Then a high-keyed voice would shriek, "You're pulling me to pieces!" Twice someone said, "My back hair is falling!" Then another voice said something that sounded like "My nose is all torn!" It might have been "fear," but it sounded like woe, hoos or nose, but, perhaps, it was, well—

—hope. Anyway the reporter could no longer keep his curiosity quiet, so he stole to the side door of the lodge room and quietly opened it. In the center of the room a lady sat on a rocking-chair, holding on to it with both hands for dear life and her hair flowed gracefully in all directions. She was guarded on either side by two ladies, while in front two ladies each held one of her dainty feet by the toes and mysteriously propelled the chair along as it rocked to and fro. All this was taken in at a glance for in a moment a thousand voices seemed to shout, "A man, a man!" and the reporter lost consciousness in the struggle that ensued. When he revived he was on the walk and he slunk back to his hiding place. In a few minutes a knock was heard at the outer door of the lodge and then it was made out that Mr. S. Grever had been admitted and was to be initiated. He was first sworn to silence and it was a terrible work he took and in future he is to drink nothing stronger than rye and then only to take a glass in five minutes. Then the noise began to subside, then ceased to be felt off, and finally pleaded, but the noise was too strong to stop the noise and laughter. Then he could be heard breathing hard and groaning. All got quiet and a voice said: "Woman has at last conquered man, but now that we have got our rights, we shall be kind and gentle to him, and will not suffer even this one to die. Someone bring forth a hat-pin and revive this man that he may be a living witness of woman's suffrage!" There was a rustle of skirts, a terrible shriek and Sam landed out on the walk.

Wilmer Mercantile Company, Ltd.

Hellow There I

We have just received, per Snook's Lightning Express, direct from Ganong's A lot of Fancy Confections.

CHOCOLATES! CHOCOLATES! CHOCOLATES!

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Plum Pudding, just like Mother Used to Make.

Do you want to live long and die happy?

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has a pep at our invoice before the goods were shipped to us and he said that he never saw a better collection of useful articles for old and young people.

It is quite impossible for us to even name things we have in stock, so we will just ask you to have a look at the stock for yourself. But remember, everything is useful and will give your friends something more than pleasure.

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FRESH GROCERIES for your Xmas Cake.

LAKE & CO., General Merchants, ATHALMER, B. C.

LIQUOR LICENSE AOT 1900

At a regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners of the Province of British Columbia, held at Victoria, B.C., on the 14th day of November, 1906, the following licenses were granted: George A. Hickey, Retail Liquor License, Hotel Delphian, Wilmer. George A. Hickey, Retail Liquor License, Hotel Delphian, Wilmer. Wm. Chamberlain, Retail Liquor License, Hotel Delphian, Wilmer. Charles Garraway, Retail Liquor License, Athalmer House, Athalmer. COLIN CAMPBELL, Athalmer House, Athalmer. Inspector, Wilmer, B.C., Nov. 14th, 1906.

LAND NOTICES.

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REARER: J. F. HANNA, Rev. HUGH MACDONALD, Agent.

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